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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Cardiac Valve and Method for Preparing a Biological Tissue  
the specification of which:

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- ☐ is attached hereto  
☒ was filed on February 14, 2002 as Application Serial No. 10/069,162, and was amended on N/A.  
☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_, if any.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

### PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a) - (d) or §365(b) of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT application which designates at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

#### Priority Claimed

<u>PCT/BE99/00121</u> (Number)	<u>                    </u> (Country)	<u>22 February 1999</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)
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#### Priority Not Claimed

ANY FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), ON THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER WHICH HAS A FILING DATE EARLIER THAN THE EARLIEST APPLICATION FROM WHICH PRIORITY IS CLAIMED

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### CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S. APPLICATION(S)  
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I hereby revoke and cancel all existing permits to inspect the official file of the above-entitled application and hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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